## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 537 By Hood

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Thelma Louise Taylor and Marvin LeRoy Briley, Sr. on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to help special citizens celebrate milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1947, Thelma Louise Taylor and Marvin LeRoy Briley, Sr. were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Fannie Florine Powell Taylor and Hershel Taylor, Mrs. Briley is a proud native of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Central High School in Murfreesboro and attended the Murfreesboro Business College for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Briley was previously employed as a secretary for Dr. Homer Pittard in the University Relations section of Middle Tennessee State University and as a secretary to Robert Jones, Middle Tennessee State University vice-president of Academic Affairs; she retired from this exemplary career in 1990; and

WHEREAS, she was a popular and highly regarded employee; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rutherford County, Mr. Briley is the son of Charles R. and Laudis Hartman Briley; and

WHEREAS, he is a distinguished graduate of David Lipscomb; and

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WHEREAS, during World War II, Mr. Briley served his country bravely as a member of the United States Army Engineer Division; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Marvin Briley went to work for his father, Charles Briley, at Briley Plumbing and Electrical Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Briley retired in 1967 and Marvin bought the business from his father; and

WHEREAS, he still owns Briley Plumbing, which under his dynamic guidance, has grown and has been very successful; and

WHEREAS, the Brileys are the very epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's blessed union has produced two children, each of whom has made his or her mark on the world and is highly successful in their own right; their children are Marvin LeRoy Briley, Jr., and Cynthia Louise Briley Pruitt; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Brileys are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Thelma and Marvin Briley upon their golden wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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